

SNOODLES' DIARY—YES, THERE IS SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO CAREFUL.



CHANCE IS A LEADER

Fans Admire Yankee Captain's Methods for Making New Team—Cleans Out Many of the "Never-Was" and "Has-Beens"

(BY MONTY.)

New York, June 23.—Peerless Leader is right. Also Tireless Bulldozer. The P. L. or the T. B.—whichever you choose—has "proved himself" once again. Those who had scoffed at Frank Leroy Chance when he came from the Cubs to take hold of the Yankees are preparing to lower themselves into a small excavation and drag said excavation in after them. They had said he was a great leader of a team when he had one, that he could get the most out of talent at hand. But as for building up a team he isn't there—so they wailed.

Not any more. His heritors have seen the error of their ways and are falling into line in one of the most interesting booster parades ever marshaled. They have witnessed the first steps of a great work. The foundation has been completed and work upon the first floor has jolly well advanced as the bally Britisher would say.

Before Chance could begin work on the foundation, he first had to dig the cellar. He has rooted out most of the minus quantities already—the players who were worse than nobody in that their way of going at things affected adversely the performance of their mates. Since the season began he has rid himself of a bevy of men who were regarded as fixtures last year. The principal go-away, of course, is Hal Chase, who is the greatest first baseman in the world when he wants to be, but seldom feels that way about it. He was a shining example of what a ball player should be. Jack Leivelt and Charley Sterrett also were traded and Claude Derrick has been sold to Rochester.

Among the new faces seen around the Polo grounds on an American League day are those of an entire new infield. Little Ezra McKiff, who was looked upon as nothing remarkable last year under Wolverton, is the only holdover who seems likely to possess a job in the first defense quartet that Chance finally settles upon. Baker Borton, known as Babe, on first, and Rolfe Zelder, at second base, the two who were traded by the White Sox for Hal Chase, are as certain to stay on the job as a man can be.

Roger Peckinpaugh, from the Naps for Leivelt and Sterrett, is destined to remain at shortstop. Bill McKechnie from the Boston Nationals by waiver route, is the fourth man lined

up in the new Chance infield. McKechnie has been doing steady work as utility performer.

The way the new inner bulwark will be arranged when the injured members of it recover from their ailments will be thus: Borton, first base; Zelder, second base; Peckinpaugh shortstop; McKiff, third base.

Chance now has a more formidable looking outfield due to the owning of a stronger infield, which sounds like an old condition. But it is true because the acquiring of the newcomers made it possible to shift Roy Hartzell to the outer works. Hartzell, Harry Wolter and Birdie Cree comprise a trio of fly chancers that would satisfy the most exacting when they are going at their best. Each one of the bunch has had more than one 300 hitting year in his career as also has Bert Daniels, who has been kept on the bench at times only because of his inability to stock up to his true height.

Who ever heard of a winning team without a good catcher? Unanimous and loudly shouted answer—not I. Chance now has his good catcher. He has Big Ed Sweeney playing better mechanically than ever before, but Sweeney has been kept on the bench a good deal of the time as second string man lately because the big chief has a more brainy performer on the job in young Gossett, from the White Sox by waiver, and it is reported that Sweeney may be traded to the near future. But this Gossett boy—seems to hold almost as much promise as Otto Miller of the Brooklyn, which is boosting some. He is a star snap thrower, can catch any sort of hurling, including Ford's four-way spitball, and is fearless at tagging men coming into the plate.

Chance has a reputation for developing backstops that is founded upon more than sentiment. When he succeeded Frank Selee, now dead, as head of the Cubs, he found there John Kiling, a good catcher, but not a great one. After a year of work under Chance when the latter himself was a novice, Kiling became the most famous catcher of his day. When Jimmy Archer to take his place as the leading catcher of his time. It surely would be a world's record if he could do the same thing now with Gossett.

The P. L.—or the T. B.—now has five of his pitchers in fairly dependable trim. They are Russell Ford, Ray Keating, Al Schulz, Ray Fisher, and George McConnell. Not one of them has been doing anything wonderful, but all can be trusted for a fair showing every pop out of the box at present. They are being backed up with respectable support in the field, which leaves the only thing to be desired assistance from the batting and base running departments.

Taken from the inside out or from both ends to the middle, the New York's figure a team of speed on the paths. The old members are likely to spring bone plays occasionally, but are being broken of that habit, and their swiftness is becoming more manifest each day. Most of the men have been batting somewhere near their normal stride, and lately there has been a little improvement with the stick generally.

The failure of Borton and Cree to hit hard as expected—both are rated

RED SOX WILL BE THE AT THE FINISH, SAYS JAKE STAHL.



Manager Jake Stahl, the amiable leader of the world's champion Red Sox, whose slow breaking heart has been completely mended by the sudden return to form of the "Speed Boys."

When the Red Sox broke into the first division for the first time this

season about a week ago, Stahl and Owner Jimmy McAleer were just as happy as though they had been handed another world's series. Both manager and owner are confident that the Boston team will continue its present winning gait and cut down the lead which the Athletics now enjoy.

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HUGGINS HAS STAR IN MAGEE.



LEE MAGEE AT BAT.

St. Louis, June 28.—"If I had a few more like Magee," is the substance of a prayerful wish that lingers in the mind of Manager Miller Huggins of the St. Louis National league team after many a close game dropped by the Cardinals in which Lee Magee, the speedy young left fielder, has put up a beautiful all-around game, to the exclusion of most of his team mates.

The left fielder of the Cardinals is rightly entitled to this oft repeated, yet unspoken compliment. Magee has all the characteristics to a marked degree of an up-to-date ball player—the speedy kind. He is by far the fastest man on the Cardinal team and one of the best all-around players Manager Huggins has in his lineup. He

will take all kinds of chances on the bases and has won many games by his fleetness.

He has played the outfield all the present season, but he proved he was a star of equal brilliancy in the infield last season when he filled in at second during the absence of Huggins. In fact Magee put up such a splendid exhibition at the second base that Roger Bresnahan, at that time manager of the Cardinals, was willing to keep the "kid" at the bag and trade Huggins back to Cincinnati. The fact that Mrs. Britton, the owner of the team, interfered at this juncture, and prevented the deal going through, is believed to have been the direct cause

of the rupture which resulted in Bresnahan's release and what followed it. Magee is a great ground coverer. He is a wonder at sprinting toward the fence in time to pull down a drive that was labeled three bases; he is also possessed of a sturdy throwing arm. His ability to cut runners down at the plate is known to many of the daring runners on opposing teams who have put his arm to the test.

Magee played with the Louisville club of the American association during the season of 1910 as second baseman and shortstop. In 1911 he was sent to Seattle and played there until Bresnahan secured him for the Cardinals at the end of that season.

JACK BARRY IS A REAL STAR



Jack Barry, the sterling short stop of the Philadelphia Athletics, and one of the four very apparent reasons why the inner defense of Connie Mack's White Elephants is called the "\$100,000 infield."

At the present time Barry is playing the greatest game of his career in fact that entire all-star infield is grinding out perfect baseball speedier and with more machine-like consistency than ever before. The dashing shortfielder appears to keep pace with his brilliant side partner, Eddie Collins, who holds down the territory on the right side of second base; the same Collins who will soon be fighting it out with Ty Cobb. Joe Jackson and Tris Speaker in one grand battle royal for the premier batting honors of the American league. Besides his ability as a fielder, Barry is a star at getting around to home plate

once he reaches first in safety. The former Holy Cross idol is certain to advance a bag on any old kind of play. He is seldom trapped into a double play, and this baseball shrewdness is the thing that makes him dear to the hearts of the fans.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Giants Defeat Braves.
New York, June 27.—New York again defeated Boston here today, the score being 3 to 1. Tesreau and James pitched well, but the local twirler received better support. New York won in the fourth when Doyle and Merkle led off with singles and scored on wild throws by Titus and James. New York got only one man on base after this and he went out stealing. Several times Tesreau was in trouble, but three double plays saved him. Boston filled the bases with three singles in the eighth, but a fast double play started by Doyle retired the side. The game was called on account of rain for 10 minutes in the sixth.

R. H. E.
Boston 1 8 3
New York 3 6 0
Batteries—James and Whaling; Rariden; Tesreau and Meyers.

Dodgers Defeat Quakers.
Philadelphia, June 27.—Brooklyn made a specialty today of two-baggers and easily defeated the home team by 6 to 1. Of the visitors' eighteen hits, eight hits were doubles. Their first six safeties were two-baggers, four of these being made in the first inning, netting three runs. Brennan took Mayer's place in the third and did good work until the eighth, when four singles and a double gave three more runs. Stack held his opponents down to two doubles and a single. Smith, with two doubles and two singles, led the visitors at bat.

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 6 18 0
Philadelphia 1 3 1
Batteries—Stack and Fischer; Mayer, Brennan and Killifer.

Red Sox Beat Yankees.
Boston, June 27.—Boston took both games of a double header from New York this afternoon by the scores of 10 to 3 and 6 to 4. The visitors secured but four hits off Leonard in the first contest, while Keating was batted hard in the fifth inning, during which Boston scored seven runs. Leonard did not give a pass.

with one out. McConnell passed Gardner, filling the bases, and singles by Engle and Ball followed, which, with a double steal by the two latter players, netted Boston four runs. Three singles off Bedient gave New York two runs in the sixth inning. A base on balls, Peckinpaugh's triple and a wild throw by Ball gave the visitors two more tallies in the ninth.

R. H. E.
New York 3 4 2
Boston 10 15 4
Batteries—Keating, Caldwell and Sweeney; Gossett; Leonard and Carigan.

Pirates Defeat Cards.
St. Louis, June 27.—Pittsburgh defeated St. Louis today, 4 to 3, in twelve innings, the longest game of the local major league season. Singles by Wilson and Konner, followed by Coleman's long fly, scored the winning run. St. Louis tied the score in the ninth inning when Cooper passed Konetchy and hit Evans. Camnitz here relieved him. A wild pitch advanced the runners, who scored when Wingo sent a hot single to right field. St. Louis used three pitchers and four twirlers worked for the visitors.

Senators Shut Out Athletics.

Washington, June 27.—Washington and Philadelphia divided today's double header, the former winning the first game 2 to 0, and the visitors the second, 11 to 5. Johnson was at his best in the first game and not a visitor got as far as third and but two as far as second. Brown also pitched a fine game.

In the second game Hughes and Gallia proved ineffective. The locals batted Houck out of the box in one inning, but Bush finished the game in good style. Harper, a young left hander and a newcomer from Hackensack, pitched the last three innings for Washington. Washington's batting was erratic, while that of the Athletics was sensational.

R. H. E.

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Washington 2 3 0

Batteries—Brown and Lapp; Johnson and Almsmith.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Union Association.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake	34	16	.680
Great Falls	31	18	.632
Helena	23	23	.500
Butte	19	25	.432
Missoula	19	28	.396
Ogden	18	33	.353

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	38	20	.655
New York	37	23	.617
Brooklyn	33	26	.558
Chicago	32	31	.508
Pittsburg	29	33	.468
Boston	25	35	.417
St. Louis	26	37	.412
Cincinnati	24	39	.381

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	47	16	.746
Cleveland	40	27	.597
Chicago	37	31	.544
Boston	33	28	.541
Washington	35	32	.520
Detroit	27	42	.391
St. Louis	27	44	.380
New York	18	44	.290

JOE JACKSON LEADS SLUGGERS

Chicago, June 28.—Joe Jackson, the Cleveland slugger, has made ninety hits, the greatest number credited in unofficial averages published today to any player in either league. Jackson is the real hitting leader in the American league, with an average of .411, though Caldwell, of New York, for 15 games, has a percentage of .444. Cobb is close behind Jackson with .399; Speaker of Boston is next with .385; then comes Blanding, the Cleveland pitcher, with .375. Eddie Collins of Philadelphia, winds up the league's first half dozen star hitters with .362. C. McDonald of Boston continues to lead the National leaguers. His average is .382. Cravath of Philadelphia is second with .379; Crandall of New York third with .357; Kling of Cincinnati fourth with .341, and Hyatt, the Pittsburgh pinch hitter, fifth with .333.

CROSS HOT ON THE TRAIL OF RITCHIE.



LEACH CROSS.

Los Angeles, June 28.—"If I put Anderson away on the Fourth I'll camp on Willie Ritchie's trail so close that I'll worry him to death or compel him to give me a chance at his lightweight title." Thus did Leach Cross, the fighting dentist from the New York ghetto announce his plans for his future rise in the world of pugilism. The game little East Sider is confident that he will dispose of Bud Anderson, the slashing young lightweight from Vancouver, when they box at Los Angeles on Independence day.

Both boys are training faithfully for the bout. At first the local fans did not see Cross at all. He was in bad all along the coast because of the poor showing he made against Dick Hyland, several years, when "Fighting Dick" knocked him out in the forty-second round. There were many at that time who thought that Leach was not knocked out at all, but that he saw he couldn't knock Hyland out and came to the conclusion that laying down was easier than hammering his fists on an iron jaw.

Since he started training for his present bout, however, Cross has convinced a great number that he is there. The boy believes in himself, and he doesn't hesitate to say so. Leach hasn't the slightest doubt but that he will be the next lightweight champion of the world. He says that the title is the only thing he is thinking of these days, and folks are led to believe him when they see how shamefully he handles his sparring partners at training quarters. The boy who was educated to be a dentist, but who made more money and friends fighting, works like a demon in the gym. He boxes rather cleverly and lands his blows from either side with a crushing jar. It may be well to add that Bud Anderson also has his eyes on Willie Ritchie's crown and that he also is of the opinion that the coming bout is all that stands between himself and a match with Ritchie. It is therefore expected that these boys will go at the championship on the Fourth as though the championship was actually staked on the result of the bout.

DUTCH CABINET RESIGN POSTS

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